



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 August 23, 2020 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of Christ

PRELUDE "Voluntary VIII: Grave" G. F. Handel
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 138:1-6) *(read responsively)*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
 For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.
 When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

HYMN "I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart" (Webber) ST. DROSTANE
(You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

I will give thanks with my whole heart, Before the gods my praise express;
 I will bow down before your throne And praise Your love and faithfulness.
 Lord, Your right hand shall save my life And make Your purpose for me sure;
 Do not forsake what You have made; Your love forever will endure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*(together)*

Eternal God, both our judge and our redeemer: We confess that we fall short of who you would have us be, and because of this we would often rather hide from you than live fully in your presence. We have lived

for ourselves and apart from you. We turn from our neighbors and refuse to bear the burden of others. We ignore the pain of the world: we have passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed. In your great mercy, Lord, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we might choose your will and obey your commandments.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Encounter the Word of God

REFLECTIONS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 1:8-21

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Psalm 124 (read responsively)

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;
**If the Lord had not been on our side,
 when enemies rose up against us;**
 Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;
**Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
 and the torrent gone over us;**
 Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.
**Blessed be the Lord! He has not given us over to be a prey for their
 teeth.**
 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
**Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth.**

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

HYMN "Built on the Rock" (Grundtvik, trans. Doving) **BUILT ON THE ROCK**

Built on the Rock, the Church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;
 Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling;
 Jesus His grace to us accords, Spirit and life are all His words,
 Making us heirs of his Kingdom.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Confession of 1967*)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

We Respond in Prayer and Service

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER "debts/debtors"

TITHES AND OFFERING

(You can deposit in the plate in the back before or after worship)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" (Edwards) KUOTANE

We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all
A single great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

CHARGE & BENECTION

POSTLUDE "Voluntary VIII: Allegro" G. F. Handel

Rob Kolb, *guest preacher*
Pat Joseph, *liturgist*
Lauralyn Kolb, *organist*

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

August 23, 2020 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 a.m.



The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.

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